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Article - Natural Resources
Section 8-1411.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1974 Volume and 1977 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

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8-1411.1.

(A) DEFINITIONS - IN THIS SECTION, THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(1) "USED OIL" MEANS A PETROLEUM-BASED OR SYNTHETIC OIL AS AN ENGINE LUBRICANT, ENGINE OIL, MOTOR OIL, OR LUBRICATING OIL FOR USE IN AN INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE, OR ~~AS A PRODUCT FOR USE IN LUBRICATING A LUBRICANT FOR MOTOR VEHICLE TRANSMISSIONS, GEARS, OR AXLES WHICH THROUGH USE, STORAGE OR HANDLING HAS BECOME UNSUITABLE FOR ITS ORIGINAL PURPOSE DUE TO THE PRESENCE OF IMPURITIES OR LOSS OF ORIGINAL PROPERTIES.~~

(2) "RECYCLE" MEANS TO PREPARE USED OIL FOR REUSE AS A PETROLEUM PRODUCT OR PETROLEUM PRODUCT SUBSTITUTE BY REFINING, RE-REFINING, RECLAIMING, REPROCESSING, OR OTHER MEANS OR TO USE USED OIL IN A MANNER THAT SUBSTITUTES FOR A PETROLEUM PRODUCT OR PETROLEUM PRODUCT SUBSTITUTE MADE FROM NEW OIL, PROVIDED THAT THE PREPARATION OR USE IS OPERATIONALLY SAFE, ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND, AND COMPLIES WITH ALL LAWS AND REGULATIONS.

(B) CITATION - THIS ACT SHALL BE KNOWN AND MAY BE CITED AS THE MARYLAND USED OIL RECYCLING ACT.

(C) DECLARATION OF FINDINGS AND POLICY - THE LEGISLATURE FINDS THAT A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF GALLONS OF USED OIL IS GENERATED EACH YEAR IN THE STATE. USED OIL IS A VALUABLE PETROLEUM RESOURCE WHICH CAN BE RECYCLED. IN SPITE OF THE POTENTIAL FOR RECYCLING, SIGNIFICANT QUANTITIES OF USED OIL ARE WASTEFULLY DISPOSED OF OR IMPROPERLY USED BY MEANS WHICH POLLUTE THE WATER, LAND, AND AIR, AND ENDANGER PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE. USED OIL SHOULD BE COLLECTED AND RECYCLED TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE, BY MEANS WHICH ARE ECONOMICALLY FEASIBLE AND ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND, IN ORDER TO CONSERVE IRREPLACEABLE PETROLEUM RESOURCES, PRESERVE AND ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF NATURAL AND HUMAN ENVIRONMENTS, AND PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE.

(D) PUBLIC EDUCATION - THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONDUCT A PUBLIC EDUCATION PROGRAM TO INFORM THE PUBLIC OF THE NEEDS FOR AND THE BENEFITS OF COLLECTING AND RECYCLING USED OIL IN